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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 December 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 12/21/2006.
2. Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 6 and 8 have been amended.

This action is made Final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lignoul (US 2002/0095222) in view of Engel et al. ("Engel", US 4,922,328).

As per claim 1, Lignoul teaches a system for providing a screen saver for a display panel in a mobile electronic device (para.0022, line 7) comprising:

memory for storing a screen saver image (para.0028, lines 7-22; para.0035, lines 14-15);
display controlling apparatus configured to retrieve said screen saver image from said memory and to transmit said screen saver image to said display panel during a screen saver mode (para.0035, lines 23-33; para.0048); and

screen saver controlling apparatus for sensing activity by a CPU interface, for switching operation of said display panel from an operating mode to the screen saver mode after a predetermined time period of inactivity by the CPU interface (para.0037; para.0048).

However, Lignoul does not teach the apparatus for controlling primary colours of said display panel, using at least one RGB timer to balance life of said primary colours of said display

panel. Engel teaches a system of balancing the life of colours of a display using timers (col.5, lines 20-44). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to include Engel's teaching with Lignoul's system in order to provide improved visual quality in the display.

As per claim 2, the system of Lignoul and Engel teaches the system wherein said display controlling apparatus comprises: a display controller; a segment driver; and a common driver (Lignoul, para.0047, lines 15-21; para.0048).

As per claim 3, the system of Lignoul and Engel teaches the system wherein said screen saver controlling apparatus comprises a screen saver timer (Lignoul, para.0037, lines 18-27).

As per claim 4, the system of Lignoul and Engel teaches the system wherein said screen saver controlling apparatus further comprises:

a set of RGB timers for preserving primary colours of said display panel to balance life of said primary colours of said display panel (Engel, col.5, lines 20-44).

As per claim 5, the system of Lignoul and Engel teaches the system wherein each timer of said set of RGB timers is connected to a digital analog converter (DAC) corresponding to one of said primary colours to enable and disable said primary colours on said display (Engel, col.2, lines 64-66; col.5, lines 20-44).

As per claim 6, the system of Lignoul and Engel teaches the system wherein said screen saver controlling apparatus further comprises: a move icon timer configured to count down a move icon time (Lignoul, para.0038); and a command generator for generating a new display location for said screen saver image after said move icon time has elapsed (Lignoul, para.0035).

As per claim 7, the system of Lignoul and Engel teaches the system wherein said screen saver image comprises at least one of time data, system status data or number of un-read email data (Lignoul, para.0036, *email access is password protected*, para.0037, line 23).

As per claim 8, Lignoul teaches a method of providing a screen saver for a display panel in a mobile electronic device comprising the steps of:

sensing a time period of inactivity (Lignoul, para.0037);

transmitting a signal to a display controller indicating said sensing of said time period of inactivity (Lignoul, para.0037);

retrieving a screen saver image from memory (Lignoul, para.35, lines 14-15);

determining a display location of said screen saver image on said display panel (Lignoul, para.0037); and

displaying said screen saver image on said display panel at said display location (Lignoul, para.0037).

However, Lignoul does not teach the monitoring use of display panel primary colours and disabling said primary colours using at least one timer associated with at least one primary colour such that colours are preserved. . Engel teaches a system of balancing the life of colours of a display using timers (col.5, lines 20-44). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to include Engel's teaching with Lignoul's system in order to provide improved visual quality in the display.

Claim 9 is similar in scope to claim 6, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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Communications

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sajeda Muhebbullah whose telephone number is (571) 272-4065. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday/Thursday and alt. Mondays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached on (571) 272-4063.

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